

Application Serial No.: 09/880,694
Amendment and Response to June 28, 2005 Non-Final Office Action

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 20 are in the application. Claims 1, 13, and 17-19 are currently amended and claims 2-12, 14-16, and 20 remain unchanged from the original versions thereof. Claims 1, 13, 17, 18, and 19 are the independent claims herein.

No new matter has been added to the application as a result of the amendments submitted herein.

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 101

Claims 1-12, 19 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 for allegedly being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Office Action stated that the use of a computer was not indicated in the claims.

In an effort to advance prosecution of the present application (not an admittance of the validity of the rejection), Applicant submits herewith currently amended claims 1 and 19. Claims 1 and 19 are amended to recite, "using a computer".

Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 19 overcome the rejection thereof under 35 USC 101. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that dependant claims 2-12 and 20 overcome the rejection at least due to the dependency thereof to claims 1 and 19, respectively. Accordingly, Applicant requests the reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-12, 19, and 20 under 35 USC 101.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 1-20 were rejected as being anticipated by Weissman et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,212,524 B1 (hereinafter, Weissman). This rejection is traversed.

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In response to the rejection of claims 1-20, since claims 13-20 were rejected on grounds corresponding to the reasons specifically provided for the rejection of claims 1-12, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 13, and 17-19. In particular, the amended claims now relate to a staging table to store data and track changes, additions, and rejections of the data. Support for the current amendments may be found in the specification, at least, at paragraph [0042] of the published patent application US 2003/0046309 A1 corresponding to the present application.

Regarding the cited and relied upon Weissman, Applicant respectfully submits that the cited and relied upon "staging tables 130 are temporary tables to hold the source system data before performing any semantic conversions on the data." (See Weissman, col 8, ln. 49-52). That is, the Weissman staging tables provide temporary storage mechanisms for the data received from the source systems.

In contrast to Weissman, the staging tables of the claimed invention are more than mere temporary storage locations for source data. Again, Applicant claims a staging table to store data and track changes, additions, and rejections of the data. Thus, the claimed staging tables are not the same as those "staging tables" disclosed in Weissman.

According, Applicant respectfully submits that Weissman does not anticipate independent claims 1, 13, and 17-19. Furthermore, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent claims 2-12, 14-16, and 20 are also patentable over Weissman for at least the reasons provided herein regarding claims 1, 13, and 17-19.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. If any issues remain, or if the Examiner has any further suggestions for expediting allowance of the present application, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned via telephone at (203) 972-5985.

Respectfully submitted,

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